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AMENDMENT "B"

In response to Office Action dated 10/17/2006, please amend the claims as shown in Attachment (A), by deleting the cross-through text and inserting the underlined text.

COMMENTS

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 5, 12 and 14 have already been amended in Amendment "A" as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 1 as amended, relates to a laundry collection bin assembly in which the bin is supported on a frame resting on the floor. The bin has a mouth at its top for receiving items of laundry and a bottom through which the laundry is discharged. The frame has an inclined track along which the bin is displaceable from a lowered position in which the bottom is closed to a raised position in which the bottom of the bin is open and the laundry can be discharged through the bottom of the bin.

The Examiner has totally ignored the fact that the laundry bins in all of the cited references unload from the top by tipping the bin over and none of them unload from a bottom which is opened as in applicants present invention.